

What is claimed is:

1. A fan control apparatus which cools the inside of an equipment body by a cooling fan provided in said equipment body comprising:

temperature detecting means for detecting the temperature in said equipment body;

temperature control means for controlling said cooling fan according to the temperature value detected by said temperature detecting means;

communication means for communicating with a server connected to said equipment body by means of a network; and

time control means for controlling said cooling fan according to the time value based on at least previous and this time communication commencements by said communication means;

wherein the control of said cooling fan is performed by using said temperature control means and said time control means.

2. A fan control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication means performs communication for a definite duration at every predetermined time and said time control means stops the operation of said cooling fan until the time value of said definite duration elapses.

3. A fan control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said time control means further controls said cooling fan based

on time values of previous communication end and this time communication start.

4. A fan control method according to claim 1, wherein the time value based on said previous and this time communication commencements corresponds to the time when the temperature in said equipment body which is detected by said temperature detecting means reaches a saturation temperature.

5. A fan control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said time control means controls said cooling fan when said equipment is made to be power-off state after an elapsed time when the temperature in said equipment body detected by said temperature detecting means is predicted to reach the saturation temperature and then just subsequently, said equipment is made to be power-on state.

6. A fan control method which cools the inside of an equipment body by a cooling fan provided in said equipment body comprising:

communication step for communicating by using communication means with a server connected to said equipment body by means of a network;

temperature detecting step for detecting the temperature in said equipment body by using temperature detecting means;

temperature control step for controlling said cooling fan by using temperature control means according to the temperature value detected by said temperature detecting means; and

time control step for controlling said cooling fan by using time control means according to the time value based on at least previous and this time communication commencements by said communication means;

wherein the control of said cooling fan is performed by using said temperature control means and said time control means.

7. A fan control method according to claim 6, wherein said communication step performs communication for a definite duration at every predetermined time and said time control step stops the operation of said cooling fan until the time value of said definite duration elapses.

8. A fan control method according to claim 6, wherein said time control step further controls said cooling fan based on time values of previous communication end and this time communication start.

9. A fan control method according to claim 6, wherein the time value based on said previous and this time communication commencements corresponds to the time when the temperature in

said equipment body which is detected by said temperature detecting step reaches a saturation temperature.

10. A fan control method according to claim 6, wherein said time control step controls said cooling fan when said equipment is made to be power-off state after an elapsed time when the temperature in said equipment body detected by said temperature detecting step is predicted to reach the saturation temperature and then just subsequently, said equipment is made to be power-on state.